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THE POPULIST PRIMARY.

Silver City Populists Elect Delegates to the Convention.

Nobody Barred from Voting for Delegates to the Populists Convention Next Saturday.

Last Saturday evening the populists of this precinct held a meeting to elect delegates to the county convention to be held here on the 6th. The meeting was held at the rink and about a hundred people were present.

At 8:20 George H. Utter called the meeting to order and stated that the object of the primary was to elect twenty delegates to the populist county convention to be held in Silver City on the 6th inst. Andy Hughes reminded the chairman that it was still September and that the 6th instant had passed and that the convention would be held on the 6th of October, but the point was lost on the chairman who still insisted that the convention would be held on the 6th inst.

The chairman then announced that the first order of business would be the election of a chairman and Andy Hughes nominated George H. Utter for the position. Mr. Hughes then moved that the nominations be closed which motion was carried. The chairman was about to put the vote on his nomination when Mr. Hughes rose and informed the chairman that it was contrary to all precedent for the chairman to put a motion which concerned his own election and he, as mover of the motion, put the question. Mr. Utter was elected by an overwhelming majority.

The necessity of a secretary was then observed by the chairman and P. J. Dodd nominated Andy Hughes for the place. He was elected without opposition and the audience called loudly for a speech to which call Mr. Hughes responded briefly thanking the meeting for the honor so unexpectedly thrust upon him. More speeches were called for but the chairman stated in a very earnest manner that they were not there to talk, but to act. Taking this as a hint, the meeting got to work. Con Whitehill placed in nomination the following gentlemen for delegates to the convention:

J. J. Bell, C. L. Ashton,
James Corbin, James R. Brent,
C. C. Whitehill, James Crambee.

Dan Rose, George H. Utter,
Wm. Walker, Urbano Bermudes,
R. H. Speed, C. A. Allingham,
P. J. Dodd, George Benton,
A. J. Hughes, Wm. S. Swift,
B. F. Laswell, Wm. Woods,
Wm. T. Jones, Paul James.

The nominations were duly seconded and then a motion was made that nominations be closed. The chairman removed the necessity of taking a vote by declaring the nominations closed, and on motion of A. J. Hughes, Con Whitehill and Ben Spiller were selected as tellers and the ballot was proceeded with. The secretary explained that, as this was a people's meeting, nobody would be barred from voting and a heavy republican and democratic vote was polled.

After the ballots had been cast, the secretary observed that there must be some democrats in the house as the ballot box had the appearance of having been stuffed. This serious charge was promptly disposed of by a motion made by Thomas S. Heflin, who moved that the stuffing be knocked out of the ballot box. This restored good feeling and the count was proceeded with. It resulted in 48 straight votes and 13 scratched votes besides one republican vote. J. R. Johnson, D. C. Hobart, J. B. Warren and C. L. Cantly each received votes but they ran away behind the ticket and were declared to be not in it. Johnson made a touching speech which showed that his heart was overflowing with gratitude. More speeches were called for but some hard hearted fellow made a motion to adjourn. This was voted down by an overwhelming majority and, according to all parliamentary usage, the meeting is still in session.

The murder case against Smith who killed Hilton in Dona Ana county some time ago was concluded in the district court at Las Cruces last week. The jury returned a verdict of not guilty. H. B. Furgerson, of Albuquerque, was the attorney for Smith while Fountain and Newcomb represented the territory.

There will be no term of the district court in Sierra county this fall on account of lack of court funds. Judge Fall will be at Hillsborough for a few days, commencing on the 17th, when defaults may be taken. No jurors will be summoned.

Normal School Literary Exercises.

The first meeting of the normal school literary society was held last Saturday evening in the Presbyterian church. The attendance was good and the program was excellent. When the roll was called, the members of the society who were present responded with a quotation from Longfellow and the selections which were read were from Longfellow, in fact this great poet was the subject for the evening.

Miss Belle Eckles read an excellent paper on the life and work of this celebrated American poet and Lida McIntosh, Essie Abraham and May Shelley read selections from his works.

Miss Pearl Dotson gave a recitation and Miss Elvora Alexander sang a solo and Joan Warren and Allie Bailey played a duet. All of the young ladies acquitted themselves very creditably.

Prof. Selby addressed the members of the society and appeared to be highly pleased with the first meeting which was certainly a success. Several songs were sung by members of the society and an adjournment was had until the 13th inst., when there will be another meeting.

Forged Certificates.

A jury in the United States court last Saturday decided that Yee Gow, a recently imported coolie, did not forge the bogus certificate that he carried about his person to prove his right to be in this country. Thomas P. Cusick, a deputy collector from San Francisco, testified that the certificate purporting to bear his signature was a forged document and was not even a good imitation of the genuine document, but the jury evidently believed that the coolie did not know that he had been imposed upon. As soon as Yee Gow was acquitted he was rearrested on a charge of unlawfully entering the United States and placed under \$500 bonds for his appearance in court at the expiration of 30 days.

Mr. Cusick was much interested in the certificate, and pointed out several particulars in which it failed to be a true copy of the genuine paper. He said he was convinced that a gang in San Francisco was engaged in the business of manufacturing forged certificates and selling them to the Chinese immigrants, and he thinks he has a clue to the forger. —Independent Democrat.

The first frost of the season in this vicinity was last Sunday morning.